Creation of Employment for Youth in Punjab

1026. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government regarding creation of employment opportunities for educated and uneducated youth in Punjab, particularly in its rural and border areas;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure to be incurred on the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal under consideration of Government regarding creation of employment opportunities for educated and uneducated youth in Punjab. Recently Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana has been launched from 2nd October, 1993 with a view to provide self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in the country. This benefits Punjab youth also. The project upto Rs. 1 lakh are covered under the scheme. Partnership projects with higher costs are also covered provided share of each persons is Rs. 1 lakh or less. Government of India provides subsidy @ 15% of the project cost subject to ceiling of Rs. 7500 per entrepreneur. Under the scheme of TRYSEM (Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment) which is being implemented throughout the country, including Punjab, basic, technical and managerial skills are provided to rural youth form families below the poverty line to enable them to take up income generating activities. The participants are paid a stipend for the duration of the training which varies between Rs. 150—300 per month. The beneficiaries should be normally in the age group of 18—35.

An amount of Rs. 33.12 lakhs has been earmarked for central assistance to Punjab under TRYSEM during the current financial year.

Allocation of Funds under IRDP and JRY to Punjab

1027. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central allocation of funds to the Government of Punjab under the Integrated Rural Development Programme and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during the period from 1990 to June, 1993;

(b) whether Government have instituted any independent agency to evaluate the funds of IRDP and JRY; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The central allocation of funds to the Government of Punjab under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during the period from 1990 to June, 1993 is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	IRDP		JRY	
	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1990-91	229.29	483.01	1,340.52	1,273.49
1991-92	215.00	413.00	1,340.52	1,314.42
1992-93	203.00	559.86	1,586.03	1,361.75
1993-94	264.00	132.00	1,307.44	309.32